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Thank you for the update Carolyn.

Best,

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Hi all,

Since our EPA update in December 2013 on the Portland Harbor Superfund site, there have been some additional developments at the site that we wanted to update you on. The project continues to be a high priority project for EPA.

Technical Work Underway: Two key technical documents are being revised by EPA, in coordination with the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) and our MOU partners (Tribes, state and other agencies). The documents, the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, will form the scientific basis of our cleanup plan and will be completed in 2015. In addition, the state continues to work on control of ongoing sources of contamination to the river.

Executive Meetings: EPA regional and Headquarters officials met on January 7 and on May 13, 2014 with the Executives of the Lower Willamette Group. These meetings are to ensure we are working together towards a common goal of cleaning up the site.

Schedule Update:

- o Based on discussions at the January 7 meeting, EPA and the LWG jointly agreed to extend the project schedule to accommodate technical discussions with LWG technical staff and contractors on the cleanup options, prior to EPA presenting its initial cleanup approach. This initial cleanup approach will now be presented to the EPA National Remedy Review Board in 2015 (rather than 2014 as initially planned);

- o EPA is working towards issuing a Proposed Plan for public comment in early 2016. (see attached handout for schedule details);

Please let me or Cindy know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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